Irregularities pointed out by CAG in DoT

†3098. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Communications and its subordinate departments have not submitted any action taken report on the various irregularities pointed out by the Comptroller and Auditor General;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the action taken report would be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Preparation and submission of Action Taken Notes on the report of C&AG is a process which involves collection of information from the filed units and vetting of the same by Audit. In case of Department of Posts, Action Taken Notes on all paras of C&AG reports were submitted to Audit/Monitoring Cell. In case of Department of Telecommunications, in most cases Action Taken Notes have been submitted to Audit/Monitoring Cell. In a very few cases, delay in preparation of Action Taken Notes has occurred because information were to be collected from field units from the level of Secondary Switching Areas.

Computerised trunk telephone exchanges in Rajasthan and Orissa

3099. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computerised trunk telephone exchanges * functioning to date in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) the number of such exchanges proposed to be started in both Rajasthan as well as Orissa during the current financial year;

(c) the details of telephone exchanges expanded during 2000-2001 and those proposed to be expanded in 2001-2002, State-wise; and

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